

**Amendments to the Claims**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listing, of claims in the application:

1-85. (Cancelled)

86. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable medium comprising a program for use with a computer for tracking innovation disclosures by an organization as part of a system for managing protection and licensing of intellectual property assets, the program comprising:

receiving intellectual property asset protection data, wherein the intellectual property asset protection data includes protection data corresponding to a plurality of intellectual property assets owned by the organization, wherein each intellectual property asset is defined and maintained as an asset by the existence of legally-enforceable intellectual property protection rights pertaining to that intellectual property asset, wherein the intellectual property asset protection data further includes data associated with a plurality of innovation disclosures, the plurality of innovation disclosures comprising innovation disclosures ~~each innovation disclosure~~ associated with at least one innovator of a plurality of innovators ~~one of a plurality of innovators~~ for the organization and affiliates of the organization and comprising innovation disclosures associated with at least one non-employee innovator;

receiving disclosure gift information associated with each innovation disclosure of the plurality of innovation disclosures associated with the at least one innovator of the plurality of innovators for the organization and the affiliates of the organization, wherein the disclosure gift information includes information regarding disclosure gifts stocked by the organization;

responsive to receiving the disclosure gift information associated with each innovation disclosure of the plurality of innovation disclosures associated

with the at least one innovator of the plurality of innovators for the organization and the affiliates of the organization, automatically updating an associated balance of the stocked disclosure gifts;  
tracking the disclosure gifts distributed to the at least one innovator for the organization and the affiliates of the organization; [[and]]  
tracking gifts given to the ~~plurality of innovators~~ at least one innovator for the organization and the affiliates of the organization for an ~~for at least one of~~ intellectual property asset filing ~~filings~~, an intellectual property asset ~~publications~~ publication, and an intellectual property asset ~~issuances~~ issuance; and  
storing the intellectual property asset protection data in an intellectual property asset protection database including a plurality of intellectual property asset protection data records.

87. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 86, wherein the program further comprises tracking and reporting costs associated with purchase of disclosure gifts.

88. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium of claim 86, wherein the program further comprises tracking and reporting information arranged by innovator for the organization and affiliates of the organization regarding all disclosure gifts sent to each innovator of the plurality of innovators for the organization and affiliates of the organization.

89. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 86, wherein the program further comprises automatically totaling numbers of disclosure gifts distributed within a time period.

90. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 86, wherein the program further comprises storing innovator data, the data including at least one of an employee/contractor status and a management/non-management status.

91. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 86, wherein the program further comprises storing organization data associated with the innovator, the organization data related to the innovator and including at least one of affiliate organization, company, division, and business unit.

92. (Currently Amended) An apparatus to track innovation disclosures by an organization as part of a system for managing protection and licensing of intellectual property assets, comprising:

logic configured to receive intellectual property asset protection data, wherein the intellectual property asset protection data includes protection data corresponding to a plurality of intellectual property assets owned by the organization, wherein each intellectual property asset is defined and maintained as an asset by the existence of legally-enforceable intellectual property protection rights pertaining to that intellectual property asset, wherein the intellectual property asset protection data further includes data associated with a plurality of innovation disclosures, the plurality of innovation disclosures comprising innovation disclosures each innovation disclosure associated with at least one innovator of a plurality of innovators one of a plurality of innovators for the organization and affiliates of the organization and comprising innovation disclosures associated with at least one non-employee innovator;

logic configured to receive disclosure gift information associated with each innovation disclosure of the plurality of innovation disclosures associated with the at least one innovator of the plurality of innovators for the organization and the affiliates of the organization, wherein the disclosure gift information includes information regarding disclosure gifts stocked by the organization;

logic configured to, responsive to receiving the disclosure gift information associated with each innovation disclosure of the plurality of innovation disclosures associated with the at least one innovator of the plurality of

innovators for the organization and the affiliates of the organization,  
automatically update an associated balance of the stocked disclosure gifts;  
logic configured to track the disclosure gifts distributed to the at least one  
innovator for the organization and the affiliates of the organization; [[and]]  
logic configured to track gifts given to the ~~plurality of innovators~~ at least one  
innovator for the organization and the affiliates of the organization for an  
~~for at least one of~~ intellectual property asset filing ~~filings~~, an intellectual  
property asset ~~publications~~ publication, and an intellectual property asset  
~~issuances~~ issuance; and  
logic configured to store the intellectual property asset protection data in an  
intellectual property asset protection database including a plurality of  
intellectual property asset protection data records.

93. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 92, further comprising logic configured to track and report costs associated with purchase of disclosure gifts.
94. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 92, further comprising logic configured to track and report information arranged by innovator for the organization and affiliates of the organization regarding all disclosure gifts sent to each innovator of the plurality of innovators for the organization and affiliates of the organization.
95. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 92, further comprising logic configured to automatically total numbers of disclosure gifts distributed within a time period.
96. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 92, further comprising logic configured to store innovator data, the data including at least one of an employee/contractor status and a management/non-management status.
97. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 92, further comprising logic configured to store organization data associated with the innovator, the organization data related to the

innovator and including at least one of affiliate organization, company, division, and business unit.

98. (Currently Amended) A method for use with a computer for tracking innovation disclosures by an organization as part of a system for managing protection and licensing of intellectual property assets, comprising:

receiving intellectual property asset protection data, wherein the intellectual property asset protection data includes protection data corresponding to a plurality of intellectual property assets owned by the organization, wherein each intellectual property asset is defined and maintained as an asset by the existence of legally-enforceable intellectual property protection rights pertaining to that intellectual property asset, wherein the intellectual property asset protection data further includes data associated with a plurality of innovation disclosures, the plurality of innovation disclosures comprising innovation disclosures ~~each innovation disclosure~~ associated with at least one innovator of a plurality of innovators ~~one of a plurality of innovators~~ for the organization and affiliates of the organization and comprising innovation disclosures associated with at least one non-employee innovator;

receiving disclosure gift information associated with each innovation disclosure of the plurality of innovation disclosures associated with the at least one innovator of the plurality of innovators for the organization and the affiliates of the organization, wherein the disclosure gift information includes information regarding disclosure gifts stocked by the organization;

responsive to receiving the disclosure gift information associated with each innovation disclosure of the plurality of innovation disclosures associated with the at least one innovator of the plurality of innovators for the organization and the affiliates of the organization, automatically updating an associated balance of the stocked disclosure gifts;

tracking the disclosure gifts distributed to the at least one innovator for the organization and the affiliates of the organization; [[and]]

tracking gifts given to the plurality of innovators at least one innovator for the organization and the affiliates of the organization for an ~~for at least one of~~ intellectual property asset filing ~~filings~~, an intellectual property asset ~~publications~~ publication, and an intellectual property asset ~~issuances~~ issuance; and

storing the intellectual property asset protection data in an intellectual property asset protection database including a plurality of intellectual property asset protection data records.

99. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 98, further comprising tracking and reporting costs associated with purchase of disclosure gifts.
100. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 98, further comprising tracking and reporting information arranged by innovator for the organization and affiliates of the organization regarding all disclosure gifts sent to each innovator of the plurality of innovators for the organization and affiliates of the organization.
101. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 98, further comprising automatically totaling numbers of disclosure gifts distributed within a time period.
102. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 98, further comprising storing innovator data, the data including at least one of an employee/contractor status and a management/non-management status.
103. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 98, further comprising storing organization data associated with the innovator, the organization data related to the innovator and including at least one of affiliate organization, company, division, and business unit.

104-109. (Cancelled)